



OPTIONAL SKILLS AND MEDICATIONS (Authorized Public Safety Personnel)

I. PURPOSE

To define the requirements for authorized public safety personnel to provide certain optional skills and administer selected medications within the ICEMA region, as specified in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5, First Aid and CPR Standards Training for Public Safety Personnel.

II. POLICY

Upon approval of a public safety agency or department, public safety personnel may administer the following medications when performing authorized optional skills:

- Epinephrine by auto-injector for suspected anaphylaxis.
- Oxygen using nasal cannula, non-rebreather mask, or bag-valve-mask.
- Atropine and Pralidoxime Chloride by auto-injector for nerve agent exposure for self or peer care.
- Naloxone intranasal spray for suspected narcotic overdose.

Public Safety Agencies

- Public safety agencies must submit a request for course approval for each optional skill, per ICEMA Reference #3060 - Public Safety Optional Skills Course Approval.
- Public safety agencies approved for optional skills will be identified by ICEMA.
- Public safety agencies approved by ICEMA will determine deployment of the selected medications within their jurisdiction and notify ICEMA of those public safety personnel that carry any of the selected medications for emergency administration.

Public Safety Personnel

- Public safety personnel working for ICEMA approved public safety agencies or departments who have completed ICEMA approved optional skill training may administer the associated medications by authority of the ICEMA Medical Director.

- Retraining in each approved optional skill is required every two (2) years.
- Current certification in Basic Life Support (AHA, American Red Cross, or ICEMA approved equivalent) and training in Public Safety First Aid and CPR is required of public safety personnel approved for any optional skill and medication.

III. PROCEDURE

Public safety personnel working for authorized public safety agencies and who have completed the appropriate training/retraining may administer the following medications when performing authorized optional skills:

- Epinephrine using EpiPen or Epinephrine auto-injector, per ICEMA Reference #16010 - Allergic Reaction and Anaphylaxis (Authorized Public Safety Personnel).
- Atropine and Pralidoxime Chloride using Mark I or DuoDote auto-injector (Nerve Agent Antidote Kit - NAAK), per ICEMA Reference #16020 - Nerve Agent Exposure (Authorized Public Safety Personnel).
- Naloxone intranasal spray, per ICEMA Reference #16030 - Opioid Overdose (Authorized Public Safety Personnel).
- Oxygen using nasal cannula, non-rebreather mask or bag-valve-mask, per ICEMA Reference #16040 - Respiratory Distress (Authorized Public Safety Personnel).

IV. DATA COLLECTION

- Authorized public safety personnel shall report all uses of optional skills and medication to responding EMS field personnel.
- EMS field personnel shall document the “prior to arrival” administration of medication by public safety personnel.
- Public safety personnel shall complete report per the public safety agency’s policy.

V. SAFETY AND MONITORING

- Optional skills and medication administration for public safety personnel will be evaluated and monitored per the ICEMA Quality Improvement Plan.
- Authorized public safety agencies and public safety personnel shall ensure that the storage and rotation of medications are consistent with the manufacturer’s policies.

VI. REFERENCES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
3060	Public Safety Optional Skills Course Approval
16010	Allergic Reaction and Anaphylaxis (Authorized Public Safety Personnel)
16020	Nerve Agent Exposure (Authorized Public Safety Personnel)
16030	Opioid Overdose (Authorized Public Safety Personnel)
16040	Respiratory Distress (Authorized Public Safety Personnel)